



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE 672nd MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 671st meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on April 20, 2006, in Room 140 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bertrum M. CeDillos, Chair
Nelson L. Atkins
Ann Jackson
Neal S. Millard
Sylvia Scott-Hayes

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Clifton Albright, Vice Chair
Lee Kanon Alpert
Walter Coombs
Andrew Friedman
William J. Galloway
Thomas J. Jeffers
Carol L. Rose
Robbi J. Work

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EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, LA City Attorney's Office
Michael Karsch, City of Los Angeles
Danette Meyers, L. A. Bar Association
Devallis Rutledge, Office of the District Attorney

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Dardy Chen, Superior Court
Bea Dieringer, LA County District Attorney's Office
Honorable James Endman, Superior Court
Laura Green, Public Defender's Office
Peggy Shuttleworth, CCJCC

STAFF

Dedie Ward
Austin Patteson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair CeDillos called the 672nd regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Peggy Shuttleworth led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions of the Commissioners, Ex Officio Members, Staff and Guests followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2006

Approval was postponed due to a lack of quorum.

PRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PROPOSITION TO REFORM THE THREE STRIKES SENTENCING LAWS

- Devallis Rutlege reported that SB 1642 has been introduced to modify Three Strikes sentencing laws ratified in Proposition 66 by limiting imposition of third strike life terms to serious felonies such as drug trafficking, gross manslaughter, or rape.
- 17,813 California inmates are serving life sentences for non-violent, non-serious third offenses. Mr. Rutlege emphasized that equal protection entails equal punishment, and to uphold both, judges need authority to consider each third strike case in light of its unique circumstances. If passed, inmates serving third strike life sentences could file a *habeas corpus* petition to be resentenced, which would save the state millions in foregone incarceration costs. Some feel these petitions would give rise to *res juricata* conflicts, as well as habitual resentencing when judges might rescind or expunge. Offices of the Public Defender and of the District Attorney agree that increased caseloads can be managed by processing cases on paper in lieu of bussing inmates to courthouses.
- SB 1642 is slated for public vote. District Attorney Cooley opposed the Three Strikes legislation as first introduced, but favors the modified version. Sheriff Baca, Chief Bratton, the LAPD, and several newspapers have also voiced support for Proposition 66 as modified. Conversely, the California District Attorney's Association officially opposes the modified version.
- Judge Wesley plans to expand the number of after hours judges. Judges with less than five years of service will be drawn on to serve from this pool.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Update on Task Force on the Unauthorized Practice of Law — Commissioner Neal Millard

Commissioner Millard reported that the Task Force went on hiatus and then teamed up with three similar task forces affiliated with the District Attorney; the investigation into cases of *notario* fraud continues; and NBC remains interested in producing a television feature on the subject.

B. Discussion on Resolution/Letter to be sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding the conservator mismanagement and abuse issue.

This agenda item was postponed

C. Child Custody Exchange Update — Peggy Shuttleworth

Peggy Shuttleworth reported that the committee has translated its brochure into Spanish, and aims for versions in all threshold languages. A press

conference is planned with Supervisors Burke and Antonovich to promote and attract clients to the new exchange sites.

D. Update on Child Waiting Rooms — Commissioner Ann Jackson

Margaret Little plans to give an update on the status of this project at a future Commission meeting.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.